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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL BOARD

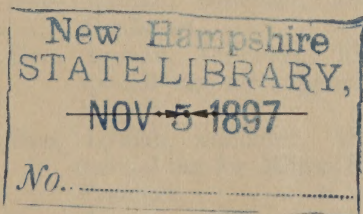
OF THE

TOWN OF MILTON,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1887.



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# REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from former treasurer, common funds,	\$1048 04
“ “ dog funds,	128 50
“ state, railroad tax,	40 30
“ “ savings bank tax,	1664 69
“ “ literary fund,	187 52
“ “ insurance tax,	11 25
“ county, for support of poor,	165 16
“ Enoch B. Waldron, amount received by him, 1885,	18 50
“ alms farm, of Albert Mason, for grass,	10 00
“ alms farm, of Wm. Sanborn, for pasturage,	10 00
“ Geo. C. S. Wentworth, for old bridge plank,	1 00
“ Geo. Lyman, collector, 1886, common taxes,	3137 89
“ Geo. Lyman, collector, 1886, dog taxes,	124 00
“ Geo. Lyman, collector, 1886, special tax for support of schools,	500 00
“ Geo. Lyman, collector, 1886, special tax for Milton Fire Precinct,	200 00
“ Geo. Lyman, collector, 1886, special tax for G. A. R.,	20 00
“ Chas. L. Stevens, rent of station house,	6 00
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	\$7272 85



## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$1116 00
County tax,	769 16
Town tax,	7 92
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	\$1893 08

## SCHOOLS.

Paid funds usually raised,	\$1340 92
Amount raised by special vote,	500 00
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	\$1840 92

## SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid John U. Simes,	\$97 00
Luther Hayes,	20 00
Martin V. B. Cook,	27 00
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	\$144 00

## SPECIAL TAXES.

Paid Walter B. Grant, Milton Fire Precinct,	\$200 00
L. Sidney Nutter, Grand Army of the Republic,	20 00
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	\$220 00

## SHEEP DAMAGE.

Paid Eliza B. Roberts,	\$ 6 00
Henderson Willey,	5 00
M. V. B. Cook,	31 00
Geo. H. Plumer,	21 00
Geo. F. Shortridge,	4 00
Albert Evans,	24 00
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	\$91 00

## COUNTY POOR.

Paid for Tamson Drew,	\$52 00
Annie M. Palmer,	22 16
Mrs. Royal Downing,	58 50
Mrs. Chas. W. Downing,	20 00
Sally Cook,	5 00
Royal Cook,	5 00
Maria Dorr,	2 50
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	\$165 16

## TOWN POOR.

Paid Eli Varney, care of Asa Hayes,	\$77 00
Geo. W. Varney, care of Asa Hayes,	10 50
Chas. H. Pulsifer, care and supplies for Asa Hayes,	52 74
A. D. Faunce, use of patent bedstead for Asa Hayes, with express,	6 00
W. F. Wallace, M. D., medical aid for Asa Hayes,	50 00
W. F. Wallace, M. D., medical aid for Mrs. Aaron Hubbard,	5 65
W. F. Wallace, M. D., medical aid for Chas. Wyatt's family,	7 00
D. T. Parker, M. D., medical aid, contract,	25 00
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	\$233 89

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Geo. E. Nute, district No. 1,	\$1 95
H. B. Hayes,	83
James O. Reynolds,	90
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	\$3 68

Paid Geo. H. Plumer, district No. 2,	\$10 50
W. H. H. Pinkham,	14 02
Geo. E. Hurd,	1 35
Stephen Nute,	3 97
Alonzo E. Nute,	2 70
G. A. W. Nute,	97
Arthur H. Nute,	2 10
Llewellyn D. Garland,	30
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	\$35 91

Paid M. D. Goodall, district No. 3,	\$31 50
J. H. Doughty,	90
D. P. Downing,	60
H. C. Amazeen,	60
C. W. Downing,	1 20
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	\$34 80

Paid M. V. B. Cook, district No. 4,	\$26 10
P. F. Mott,	10 20
W. Wyatt,	90
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	\$37 20

Paid S. R. Goodwin, No. 5,	\$9 00
Geo. D. Canney,	4 99
Ira A. Cook,	2 62
Richard Swinerton,	67
Moses Sanborn,	8 25
E. Hatch,	4 35
Lydia Hatch,	5 17
James W. Johnson,	97
T. J. Howe,	3 60
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	\$39 62



Paid J. P. Wentworth, No. 6,	\$18 30
J. A. Wentworth,	10 50
J. P. Downs,	7 80
B. F. Hayes,	2 36
H. A. Jenkins,	20 85
James A. Davis,	45
Chas. L. Peverly,	45

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\$60 71

Paid Fred B. Roberts, No. 7,	\$4 20
Chas. D. Remick,	1 95
Chas. A. Ricker,	1 50

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\$7 65

Paid Chas. A. Jones, No. 8,	\$1 50
Geo. H. Jones,	1 05
Geo. A. Hayes,	45
Geo. Lyman,	1 80

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\$4 80

Paid B. F. Avery, No. 9 and 20,	\$8 32
Geo. F. Hodsdon,	30
David Wentworth,	15
E. R. Lord,	30
S. B. Shapleigh,	38
S. E. Twombly,	1 20
D. T. Rowe,	38

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\$11 03

Paid C. M. Wallingford, No. 10,	\$9 60
F. P. Jones,	8 10
Calvin Mason,	90
Chas. C. Dorr,	5 25
Frank P. Horne,	1 20

Paid Stephen Dorr,	\$6 45
J. R. Horne,	60
S. W. Wallingford,	90
Wm. Sanborn,	45
John E. Hayes,	30
Leander Clements,	3 30
John S. Remick,	30
Geo. Henderson,	2 02
J. L. Twombly,	90
M. D. Doe,	2 32
Jos. Plumer,	4 20
Jacob F. Staples,	2 17
Albert Mason,	1 20
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	\$50 16

Paid Geo. L. Plumer, No. 11,	\$4 65
Wm. F. Mills,	2 40
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	\$7 05

Paid J. F. Willey, No. 12,	\$23 55
Jonas S. Laskey,	3 67
Allie J. Laskey,	2 55
Geo. P. Meader,	90
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	\$30 67

Paid Chas. E. Lowd, district No. 13,	\$11 17
Eli Wentworth,	8 10
J. E. Page,	4 05
M. H. Remick,	7 20
Elias Miller,	37
Phineas L. Howe,	45
Chas. L. Stevens,	22
E. R. Hussey,	2 06
John E. Wentworth,	1 65



Paid Wm. F. Mills, 2d,	\$1 16
W. Hapgood,	1 16
H. H. Berry,	52
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	\$38 11

Paid Zenas F. Drew, district No. 14,	\$6 45
Cyrus F. Hart,	6 45
Isaac B. Dore,	3 50
Mark Rines,	3 75
Edmund Horne,	4 05
J. F. Dore,	1 50
N. H. Dore,	1 50
J. W. Gerrish,	1 05
Wm. Otterway,	5 40
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	\$33 65

Paid Edward F. Hussey, district No. 15,	\$3 58
Edward R. Hussey,	2 95
Jona. Berry,	1 13
H. H. Berry,	3 01
Edwin Hutchins,	45
John G. Sanborn,	45
D. P. Goodwin,	4 03
M. N. Sibley,	3 84
Charles E. Lowd,	5 18
Eli Wentworth,	5 63
Moses H. Remick,	3 75
George Gowen,	90
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	\$34 90

Paid Gilbert Shorey, district No. 16,	\$5 77
Frank E. Cook,	1 58
Wm. E. Moore,	3 75
Eli Varney,	1 72
Geo. W. Varney,	90

Paid James W. Varney,	\$1 05
John P. Hayes,	45
John H. Hersey,	38
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	\$15 60

Paid Chas. Hayes, district No. 17,	\$1 80
John P. Hayes,	1 50
Ira W. Hayes,	1 35
Wm. H. Hurd,	60
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	\$5 25

Paid Simon C. Dorr, district No. 18,	\$11 40
Henderson Willey,	1 10
Hazen Plumer,	6 15
Elisha Merrow,	3 00
Chas. W. Corson,	2 25
Chas. E. Ricker,	50
B. D. Cotton,	20
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	\$24 60

Paid Chas. T. Haines, district No. 19,	\$4 20
Wm. F. Cutts,	3 75
John S. Applebee,	2 70
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	\$10 65

Paid Chas. W. Corson, district No. 21,	\$2 70
Eph. Plumer,	5 25
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	\$7 95

Paid J. W. Nutter, district No. 20,	\$1 50
Geo. H. Staples,	37
Ira S. Knox,	37
E. S. Brown,	30
A. F. Downs,	60
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	\$3 14
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Paid Chas. H. Pulsifer,	\$8 00
Paid James H. Varney,	\$0 60
Total for breaking roads,	\$505 73

#### REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Chas. Hayes, labor on highway, Dist. No. 3,	\$ 3 00
Moses P. Curtis,	5 10
H. C. Amazeen,	2 40
David P. Downing,	5 25
Harry LeBounty,	3 75
Julius H. Doughty,	2 40
Chas. Downing,	3 90
M. D. Goodall,	5 23
M. D. Goodall, use of plow in Dist. No. 3,	75
Frank Young, labor in Dist. No. 3,	3 50
Walter Tibbets,	2 25
Geo. H. Plumer, labor on highway, Dist. No. 2,	9 00
Wm. H. H. Pinkham,	12 75
James A. Davis,	4 50
Stephen Nute,	8 70
Llewellyn D. Garland,	45
M. V. B. Cook, labor, Dist. No. 4,	14 25
Frank P. Cook, bridge plank, Dist. No. 16,	2 66
W. H. H. Pinkham, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 2,	10 00
Frank E. Wallace, 2 bush scythes and snaths,	3 00
Geo. L. Plumer, hauling lumber and sawing,	28 70



Paid Lewis Plumer, cutting and hauling lumber,	\$20 00
Stephen D. Dorr, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 10,	15 00
H. V. R. Edgerly, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 18,	5 00
Edward R. Hussey, labor, Dist. No. 15,	8 00
Chas. D. Remick, labor, Dist. No. 7,	8 50
James Hanscom,                    "	2 50
Stephen M. Bragdon,           "	62
Luke Tibbets,                   "	1 25
Fred B. Roberts,               "	1 25
Chas. Hayes, labor, Dist. No. 2,	11 25
Alonzo E. Nute,               "	6 15
Stephen Nute,                 "	9 90
Jeremiah Colbath,           "	6 15
Geo. H. Plumer,               "	7 50
Chas. Hayes, labor, Dist. No. 16,	9 00
Jas. W. Varney,               "	1 50
Eli Varney,                   "	75
Wm. E. Moore,                "	75
John H. Hersey,               "	15 67
John H. Hersey, 1 plow,	5 00
John H. Hersey, labor, 1885,	1 80
S. K. Goodwin, Dist. No. 5, labor,	5 00
Chas. A. Jones, labor, several districts,	3 80
H. H. Wentworth, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 8,	7 00
Alfred C. Varney, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 17,	7 50
Fred P. Jones, bridge plank and drawing,	7 50
John T. Downs, water course, Dist. No. 6,	8 00
John T. Downs, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 6,	8 00
Luther Hayes, bridge plank,	6 58
Thos. J. Howe, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 5,	15 00
Ira W. Duntley, labor on watering trough,	1 75
Andrew J. Remick, labor, plank, etc.,	9 54
Daniel Philbrick, labor, Dist. No. 19,	1 20
John P. Sanborn, bridge stringers,	7 00
Chas. T. Haines, labor, Dist. No. 13,	3 75
Chas. E. Lowd,                "	2 50
Isaac B. Dore,                "	2 50
Ira Miller, spikes, Dist. No. 13,	1 00
Z. G. Horne, bridge plank,	1 40
Looney & Downs, drain pipe, etc.,	6 18

Paid Geo. F. Shortridge, labor,	\$ 6 45
Geo. M. Tibbets, labor, Dist. No. 3,	2 00
Chas. Hayes, labor, Dist. No. 16,	75
Gilbert Shorey, labor, Dist. No. 16,	3 45
Wm. E. Moore,                    "	2 85
James W. Varney,               "	1 50
N. B. Varney,                   "	1 15
C. H. Pulsifer,                  "	30
B. P. Varney, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 1,	7 00
Edward R. Hussey, bridge stringers,	2 20
J. P. Wentworth, labor, Dist. No. 6,	5 37
J. P. Wentworth, bridge stringers,	1 50
John A. Wentworth, labor, Dist. No. 6,	3 03
John T. Downs,                  "	1 25
Frank Downs,                   "	1 25
Chas. A. Plumer, bridge plank,	4 51
Joh V. Palmer, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 8,	3 00
Allie J. Laskey, cutting bushes, Dist. No. 12,	3 75
Total,	<u>\$433 59</u>

#### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Luther Hayes and John U. Simes, auditors, 1885,	\$ 4 00
I. W. Lougee, printing town reports,	13 60
I. W. Lougee, printing police notices,	7 00
James E. Fernald & Son., printing receipts,	2 50
L. S. Nutter, rent of Good Templars' Hall,	5 00
John H. Hersey, damage to ox, from defect in road, district No. 16,	15 00
Chas. T. Haines, guide boards,	9 45
Chas. A. Plumer, error in tax list, 1885,	3 40
E. B. Lane, blank books, etc.,	28 98
E. T. Libby, printing blanks,	2 00
R. Mathes, painting guide boards,	14 67
Murray Bros., stove pipe for town house,	11 52
Thos. J. Cutts, rent of land for station house,	6 00

Paid A. G. Whittemore, blank warrants, etc.,	\$ 1 44
John Young, M. D., report of births, etc.,	75
H. B. Scates, services as assessor, 1886,	16 00
Chas. A. Jones, making guide boards,	4 20
Theodore Lyman, public watering place,	2 00
S. F. Rines,	3 00
James Hanscom,	3 00
C. A. Horne,	2 00
H. R. Johnson, making watering trough,	2 50
L. S. Nutter, constable,	1 25
Chas. Hayes, making and putting up guide boards,	7 09
I. W. Lougee, printing town orders,	2 50
Chas. A. Jones, settling state tax,	6 80
S. H. Atkins, ministerial money,	15 00
E. C. Abbott,	15 00
A. J. Remick,	15 00
Calvin Mason,	15 00
W. F. Wallace, report of births, 1885-'86,	7 75
Chas. C. Dore, labor and keeping town house,	5 00
George I. Jordan, supervisor check list,	5 00
James D. Pike, damage to horse and carriage on highway,	20 00
Geo. D. Canney, supervisor check list, 1885-6,	12 00
Chas. H. Looney, town clerk,	37 00
J. E. Scruton, M. D., report of births, 1885-6,	2 25
Asa Fox & Son, police badges and handcuffs,	7 50
E. W. Fox, supervisor check list, 1886,	8 75
Geo. Lyman, abatements, common taxes,	18 77
Geo. Lyman, abatements, dog taxes,	12 00
Geo. Lyman, services and expenses as overseer of poor,	14 00
Geo. Lyman, transporting James Galliner to county farm,	4 00
Geo. Lyman, services as collector,	65 00
James A. Edgerly, legal services,	21 40
B. B. Plumer, services as assessor,	8 00
Ira Miller, town treasurer,	25 00
Chas. A. Jones, services and expenses as selectman,	98 00



Paid Chas. T. Haines, services and expenses as selectman,	\$50 00
Chas. Hayes, services and expenses as selectman,	80 00
C. W. Gross, M. D., report of births, 1885,	1 25
J. W. Gerrish, caring for tramps,	2 00
W. E. Pillsbury, M. D., report of births and deaths, 1886,	1 50
Total,	<u>\$741 82</u>

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### RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, as per page 3,	\$7272 85
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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid taxes,	\$1893 08
Schools,	1840 92
School board,	144 00
Special taxes,	220 00
Sheep damage,	91 00
County poor,	165 16
Town poor,	233 89
Breaking roads,	505 73
Repairing highways,	433 59
Miscellaneous bills,	741 82

### Balance in treasury :

Common funds,	\$891 66
Dog funds,	112 00
	<u>\$1003 66</u>
	<u>\$7272 85</u>

Amount of tax assessed on the several school houses in the town of Milton, and remitted to the tax-payers in each district, agreeably to the laws of 1885:

School district No. 1,	\$451 88
“ 2,	251 00
“ 3,	250 91
“ 4,	401 74
“ 6,	177 68
“ 7,	3011 80
“ 8,	452 37
“ 9,	756 40
“ 10,	52 47
“ 11,	125 90
“ 12,	106 02
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	\$6038 17

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JONES,	} Selectmen of Milton.
CHARLES T. HAINES,	
CHARLES HAYES,	

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MILTON, N. H., Feb. 28, 1887.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

B. B. PLUMER,	} Auditors.
HARRY L. AVERY,	

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MILTON,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

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RECEIPTS.

Received from town treasurer, ordinary school funds,	\$1303 42
Town treasurer, dog funds,	37 50
Town treasurer, amount raised by special tax,	500 00
Tuition at Milton Mills schools,	32 15
Tuition at Three Ponds schools,	13 80
Tuition at Nute's Ridge schools,	3 20
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	\$1890 07

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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Plumer's Ridge School, formerly District No. 1 :	
Miss Annie H. Wentworth, teaching 23 weeks,	\$138 00
A. B. Shaw, 2 blackboards,	1 75
Willie Trask, sawing wood,	50
Fred P. Jones, 1 cord wood,	4 00
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	\$144 25



## Paid for Nute's Ridge School, formerly District No. 2:

Miss Myra L. Page, teaching 10 weeks,	\$55 00
Miss Allie M. Ricker, teaching 13 weeks,	65 00
John P. Hayes, one-half cord wood,	2 00
C. H. Pulsifer, 1 cord wood,	4 00
M. V. B. Cook, pail and dipper,	50
Joseph D. Willey, materials for school and repairs,	1 31
J. H. Meserve, door and laths,	2 60
Wm. F. Wentworth, masonry,	4 10
Albert Downs hauling lime, etc.,	75
Luther Hayes, repairs, wood, sawing,	11 37
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	\$146 63

## Paid for West Milton School, formerly District No. 4:

Miss Della M. Reynolds, teaching 23 weeks,	\$138 00
Thos. J. Howe, setting underpinning,	1 50
P. F. Mott, repairs,	37
Joseph Cook, one-half cord wood,	2 00
Evans McKean, fitting up wood,	75
M. V. B. Cook, materials and repairs,	6 30
M. V. B. Cook, broom, crayons, etc.,	1 02
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	\$149 94

## Paid for Hare Road School, formerly District No. 6:

Miss Abbie J. Curtis, teaching 11 weeks,	\$49 50
M. V. B. Cook, glass, pail, broom, crayons, etc.,	1 35
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	\$50 85

## Paid for Milton Mills School, formerly District No. 7:

J. B. Ham, teaching high school 10 weeks,	\$100 00
A. C. Crowell, teaching high school 13 weeks,	149 50
Miss Etta Jones, teaching primary school 21 weeks,	147 00

Miss Jennie N. Stevens, teaching primary school 2 weeks,	\$14 00
Miss Lizzie L. Hart, assistant, teaching primary school 23 weeks,	69 00
Wm. E. Pillsbury, for wood,	6 75
John U. Simes, 1 1-2 cords wood and kindling, etc.,	6 50
Chas. Lowe, 2615 pounds coal,	9 47
Walter Simes, care of house, tending coal fur- nace, sawing wood,	20 20
Murray Bros., repairs,	11 50
John U. Simes, repairs and furnishings,	4 45
Prof. J. W. V. Rich, 1 chart,	7 50
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	\$545 87

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Paid for Branch School, formerly District No. 8 :

Annie E. Lewis, teaching 22 weeks,	\$121 00
Jonas Laskey, 1 1-2 cords soft wood,	3 00
John U. Simes, repairs, furnishings and sawing wood,	4 00
Mrs. John Wentworth, cleaning house,	2 00
Chas. C. Hayes, repairs,	5 00
Murray Bros., repairs,	6 25
Jos. G. Rines, whitewashing,	1 75
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	\$143 00

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Paid for Three Ponds School, formerly District No. 9 :

H. I. Durgin, teaching high school 10 weeks,	\$100 00
H. I. Durgin, teaching high school 13 weeks,	149 50
Mrs. Annie M. Varney, teaching primary school 23 weeks,	138 00
H. I. Durgin, wood, sawing, care of house,	6 00
Joseph H. Avery, wood,	40
A. J. Remick, 1 cord wood,	4 00
John Palmer and Mrs. Randall, cleaning house,	3 25
Wm. F. Wentworth, repairs, masonry,	10 41

Parker G. Webber, repairs and materials,	\$1 97
B. F. Avery, repairs,	75
J. Q. A. Toppan, lime, glass, etc.,	1 94
J. H. Meserve, window,	65
J. D. Willey, materials for repairs and school,	2 53
Luther Hayes, fuel, repairs, etc.,	3 53
Prof. J. W. V. Rich, 1 chart,	7 50
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	\$430 43

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Paid for South Milton School, formerly District No. 10 :

Miss Jennie N. Stearns, teaching 10 weeks,	\$60 00
Miss Mabel L. Goodwin, teaching 13 weeks,	
(balance due after partial payment by	
Rochester),	9 00
Luther Hayes, 1 cord of wood and sawing,	4 00
Luther Hayes, repairs and cleaning,	2 03
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	\$75 03

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Paid for Downingville School, formerly District No. 11 :

Miss Belle Granville, teaching 23 weeks,	\$115 00
Mark D. Goodall, 1 cord wood,	3 74
Everett H. Doughty, fitting wood,	75
M. V. B. Cook, repairs and materials,	1 85
M. V. B. Cook, broom, pail, crayons, etc.,	97
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	\$122 31

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MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Knight Adams & Co., paint for blackboards,	\$7 69
John U. Simes, putting up blackboards at	
Plumer's ridge and painting in several	
schools,	6 05



Paid John U. Simes, crayons, brushes and record book,	\$ 2 67
John U. Simes, express on charts and paint,	1 40
Chas. E. Lowd, conveying pupils from North Milton to Milton Mills school,	18 00
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	\$35 81

### RECAPITULATION.

Receipts as per page 17,		\$1890 07
Payments, Plumer's Ridge School,	\$144 25	
Nute's Ridge School,	146 63	
West Milton School,	149 94	
Hare Road School,	50 85	
Milton Mills School,	545 87	
Branch School,	143 00	
Three Ponds School,	430 43	
South Milton School,	75 03	
Downingville School,	122 31	
Miscellaneous,	35 81	
Balance in hands of John U. Simes, chairman of school board,	45 95	
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MILTON, N. H., March 1, 1887.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the School Board of Milton and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

ELBRIDGE W. FOX,	} Auditors.
WILLIAM T. WALLACE,	

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MILTON:

In compliance with the law of the state, the School Board present their annual report, it being the first under the new law, the "Town System," as it is called. The changes incident to bringing into operation the new method naturally created some friction, but nothing of an insurmountable character. The points on which the most distrust and want of harmony have been felt are in regard to the abandonment of certain schools, conveying pupils to others, and the expense and inconvenience necessarily incurred in having the duties of the various prudential committees performed by the School Board. In the main we think these difficulties have been met with as much success as could well have been expected; and as the board becomes better acquainted with the parents and pupils and the needs of the various sections, these difficulties will almost entirely disappear.

The schools for the most part have been very successful. Not, indeed, up to an ideal standard, but still so high that it was a pleasure to attend the recitations, note the good order, witness the deep interest of the happy pupils, and mark the progress they were making. In a few instances the schools were not what was desired,

nor even what was expected. Knowing the causes of the trouble, your board will use their utmost endeavors to prevent their recurrence.

No schools have been kept in Nos. 3 and 12. It was hoped the children in No. 6 would be able to attend the schools in Nos. 2 and 4, thereby saving money and lengthening the terms throughout the town,—hence there was no school kept there in the spring. But the distance to the other schools being rather long for small children to walk, it was deemed best to have a short term in the fall. A successful school of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Abbie J. Curtis, was the result. The spring terms were each 10 weeks, with the exception of the Branch school, which was 9 weeks. The fall terms were each 13 weeks, save that in No. 6.

In the way of repairs your board have expended about \$100. There is still much that needs to be done. At South Milton a new schoolhouse is almost a necessity. The assessors from two towns appraised the present house at \$100. The town of Rochester paid one-half the cost of building it, and will doubtless be willing to pay half the expense of building another. This has been a union school for more than half a century.

An article in the warrant for the next school meeting will give the voters an opportunity to act upon the matter. A new schoolroom is much needed at Milton Mills. The large number of scholars, and, owing to the difference in their ages and attainments, the difficulty in classifying them renders it impossible for one teacher to do justice to

them or to herself. Having but one schoolroom, the services of an assistant teacher are in a great measure lost. It was not deemed expedient, however, to bring the matter up for action at the coming meeting.

A word to parents: Will you not visit the schools a little oftener than you have? Interest on your part will awaken interest on the part of the children. Indifference will beget indifference. When they see that you feel an interest in their progress, that you note their endeavors to learn, and appreciate their efforts to have good recitations, they will respond to the enthusiasm which you manifest, and do their best to see that you are not disappointed. Their lessons, instead of being irksome to them, will prove a source of delight. Another thing, avoid fault finding, especially in the presence of your children. If your school is not running in all respects just as you wish, do not be in haste to put all the blame upon the teacher, who, perhaps, may be doing all that can well be done, and who is probably quite as anxious as any one that all should go well. Teachers, for their own welfare and happiness, are not usually very desirous of having unsuccessful schools, or of having trouble of any kind while teaching. So, if matters do not move exactly to your liking, use your best efforts to smooth and correct them. If necessary, inform the School Board of the exact condition of affairs, and in most cases difficulties will be adjusted to the satisfaction of all. Remember that obstacles put in the teacher's path are obstacles to the school; and that means loss and injury to your children. Again, see that



those under your charge are punctual in their attendance. Let them go early and stay at least until their recitations are over. Do not keep them out of school for a single day if it can be avoided. One day out puts them behind their class. A very few days puts them hopelessly behind; they are then neither with nor of their class, their interest is gone, and the school to them is a failure. Some, we know, keep their children from school day after day to pick cider apples. If such ever question in their own minds whether it is better to throw their boys away rather than their apples, we trust hereafter they will give the boys the benefit of the doubt.

Many will naturally wish to know how the schools this year compare with those of other years, and whether the new law is a success or not. The new system has not as yet been either fully or fairly tried. In the opinion of your board it is an improvement upon the old one. Give it a fair trial and then judge of its merits. The first year we think will be its hardest. The following comparison certainly speaks well for the law. The figures are as correct as we could get. The tuition received last year is added to the money raised by the town that it may correspond to the amount given this year.

	1885.	1886.
Amount of school money,	\$1864 64	\$1890 07
Expended for repairs and furnish- ings,	225 00	240 31
No. of weeks schooling,	231	240
No. of scholars attending school,	293	256
Average daily attendance,	226	216
No. of scholars as enumerated by selectmen,	293	258

We have not deemed it necessary to write special tributes to the qualifications of the several teachers; enough to say we have had a good corps. We have to thank them for their unvarying courtesy, as well as for the assistance they have rendered the board in many ways, especially in furnishing pupils with necessary and proper books.

Teachers.	Former Dist.	Pupils.	Wages Per Month.
Miss Annie H. Wentworth,	1	21	\$24
" Myra L. Page,	2	16	22
" Allie M. Ricker,	2	17	20
" Della M. Reynolds,	4	20	24
" Abbie J. Curtis,	6	9	18
" Etta E. Jones,	7	53	28
" Lizzie L. Hart, assistant,	7		12
J. B. Ham, high school,	7	27	40
A. Clinton Crowell, "	7	25	46
Miss Annie E. Lewis	8	20	22
H. I. Durgin, high school,	9	37	46
Mrs. Annie M. Varney,	9	43	24
Miss Jennie M. Stevens,	10	20	24
" Mabel L. Goodwin,	10	22	24
" Belle M. Granville,	11	9	20

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN U. SIMES, }  
LUTHER HAYES, } School Board  
M. V. B. COOK, } of Milton.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars who have not been absent during one term or more :

District No. 1.—Maud F. Horne, Annie J. Horne.

District No. 2.—Edith M. Nute, Carrie E. Pulsifer, Hattie B. Pulsifer, John C. Varney, Lena B. Reynolds.

District No. 4.—Bertha Cook, Sadie L. Shortridge, Lizzie A. Wentworth.

District No. 6.—Harry W. Pinkham, Eddie C. Nute.

District No. 7.—Lillian R. Dore, Nettie P. Berry, Almond H. Wentworth, Harry E. Wentworth, Walter Simes, Hervey Simes, Fred Mudgett, Clarence E. Garland, Flossy Simes, Angie M. Waldron.

District No. 9.—Carrie L. Corson, Hattie M. Duntly, Blanche E. Downs, Francis Shattuck, Stella Wentworth, Allie M. Hodsdon, Dana J. Tasker.

District No. 11.—Lena B. Moody, Everett H. Doughty, Everett J. Curtis, Hattie B. Amazeen, James F. Downing, Henry B. Curtis, Walter B. Amazeen, Asa Curtis, Fred Curtis.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars who have not been absent during one

term of school.

District No. 1.—Miss E. Horne, Annie A. Horne.

District No. 2.—Miss M. Dyer, Carrie H. Foster, Ed.

the H. Foster, John G. Young, John R. Young.

District No. 3.—Miss C. Foster, John R. Foster, John

A. Foster.

District No. 4.—Miss W. Foster, John G. Foster.

District No. 5.—Miss M. Foster, John F. Foster, John

H. Foster, John F. Foster, John F. Foster, John

Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John

Annie M. Foster.

District No. 6.—Miss A. Foster, John F. Foster, John

Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John

Annie M. Foster, John F. Foster.

District No. 7.—Miss M. Foster, John F. Foster, John

Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John

Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John Foster, John

Child.